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Potato Size and Grade Summary – 2015 Crop

The statistics in this publication were obtained from the 2015 Potato Objective Yield Survey. Size and grade measurements are taken on potatoes harvested in the objective yield survey plots. Potatoes were harvested from six hills per sample randomly selected in each State using a scientifically designed sampling procedure. Potatoes were sent to laboratories for sizing and grading according to accepted United States fresh grading standards.

Idaho: Long potatoes (Russet only) weighing 10 oz or more comprised 33.7 percent of the total, up from 26.5 percent in 2014.

Potatoes that met the 2.0 inch or 4 oz. minimum size and grade requirements for U.S. No. 1 potatoes were 73.7 percent of the total, down from 80.1 percent last year. Processing grade and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, with a 1.5 inch minimum, accounted for 24.8 percent of the 2015 crop.

Oregon: Long potatoes (Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender) weighing 10 oz or more were 39.4 percent of the total, up from 34.4 percent in 2014. The percent of long potato meeting U.S. No. 1 standards was 75.5 percent of the total, down from 78.6 percent a year ago. Processing and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, accounted for 22.1 percent of the 2015 crop.

Washington: Long potatoes (Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender) weighing 10 oz or more comprised 39.5 percent of the total, up from 37.3 percent in 2014. The percent of long potatoes meeting U.S. No. 1 standards was 74.9 percent of the total, down from 78.6 percent a year ago. Processing and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, accounted for 23.5 percent of the 2015 crop.

Fall Potato Grading Categories by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2014-2015

[Gross yield basis.]

Type and State	No. 1 2 inch minimum ¹		No. 2 or processing usable 1 1/2 inch minimum ¹		Cull ²	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Round white potatoes						
Oregon	87.8	95.2	10.3	3.9	1.9	0.9
All long potatoes ³						
Idaho ⁴	80.1	73.7	18.6	24.8	1.3	1.5
Oregon	78.6	75.5	19.9	22.1	1.5	2.4
Washington.....	78.6	74.9	20.3	23.5	1.1	1.6

¹ Potatoes which meet the requirement for United States #1 or #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

² Potatoes not meeting the requirement for United States #1 or #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

³ Includes Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender varieties unless otherwise indicated.

⁴ Russets only.

Fall Potato Number of Hills by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2011-2015

State and year	Reds		Whites		Yellows		Russets	
	Samples	Average number of hills per acre	Samples	Average number of hills per acre	Samples	Average number of hills per acre	Samples	Average number of hills per acre
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Idaho								
2011	5	17,571	6	11,790	(D)	(D)	209	12,906
2012	6	18,368	5	12,828	3	13,110	197	12,615
2013	7	12,944	6	12,565	(D)	(D)	188	12,793
2014	5	14,147	7	13,051	3	13,419	174	12,875
2015	8	13,960	6	12,780	(D)	(D)	182	12,720
Oregon.....								
2011	4	11,998	25	12,986	5	12,275	98	12,570
2012	6	12,430	20	11,944	3	10,692	83	12,626
2013	(D)	(D)	14	12,926	(D)	(D)	60	12,627
2014	4	9,772	17	11,584	3	10,663	76	12,848
2015	4	13,138	16	11,269	3	11,195	70	12,864
Washington.....								
2011	7	16,378	7	15,172	3	15,148	108	15,258
2012	8	21,307	10	14,424	5	19,354	111	14,638
2013	5	18,686	12	15,693	(D)	(D)	80	15,271
2014	3	17,070	13	15,419	7	20,933	111	14,663
2015	6	20,170	12	15,669	5	13,988	104	14,867

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Fall Potato Harvest Loss by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2011-2015

State and year	Reds	Whites	Yellows	Russets	All types
	(cwt per acre)	(cwt per acre)	(cwt per acre)	(cwt per acre)	(cwt per acre)
Idaho					
2011	-	(D)	-	29	30
2012	(D)	(D)	(D)	25	26
2013	(D)	18	-	29	27
2014	(D)	-	-	23	23
2015	(D)	(D)	(D)	17	17
Oregon.....					
2011	(D)	12	-	21	20
2012	(D)	22	-	19	19
2013	-	(D)	-	21	24
2014	(D)	24	-	16	17
2015	(D)	(D)	-	29	27
Washington.....					
2011	(D)	(D)	-	20	20
2012	(D)	(D)	-	22	20
2013	(D)	(D)	-	20	19
2014	-	33	-	18	20
2015	-	14	-	15	15

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

All Long Potato Size Categories — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2014-2015

[Gross yield basis. Includes Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender varieties]

	Inches			Ounces									
	1 1/2 to 1 5/8	1 5/8 to 1 7/8	1 7/8 to 2	2 inch or 4-6 ounce	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 and over
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
2014													
Idaho ¹	1.5	6.2	4.6	27.2	10.2	9.3	8.2	6.3	5.4	4.7	3.6	3.4	9.4
Oregon	1.1	4.6	3.3	23.7	9.2	9.4	7.2	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.4	3.5	14.8
Washington.....	0.6	3.5	3.0	22.8	9.4	8.5	8.2	6.7	5.5	5.7	4.7	3.7	17.7
2015													
Idaho ¹	1.4	5.7	3.9	22.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	6.7	6.2	4.9	3.7	3.7	15.2
Oregon	0.9	3.8	3.0	19.6	8.9	7.8	8.3	8.3	7.1	5.0	4.9	3.9	18.5
Washington.....	0.8	4.5	3.1	20.6	8.9	8.1	7.8	6.7	6.0	5.9	4.6	2.8	20.2

¹ Russets only.

Round Potato Size Categories by Type — Oregon: 2014-2015

[Gross yield basis.]

Type and year	Inches						
	1 1/2 to 1 7/8	1 7/8 to 2	2 to 2 1/4	2 1/4 to 2 1/2	2 1/2 to 3 1/2	3 1/2 to 4	4 inches and over
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
White potatoes							
2014	3.7	5.1	11.1	22.1	55.9	0.9	1.2
2015	1.0	2.6	5.6	8.5	31.1	47.4	3.8

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